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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

By its resolution 57/98 of 22 November 2002, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and the Protocols thereto, to inform it periodically of the status of the Convention.

The present report provides information on action taken on the Convention and its Protocols during the period from 1 June 2002 to 10 July 2003.

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1. In its resolution 57/98 of 22 November 2002, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and the Protocols thereto, to continue to inform it periodically of ratifications and acceptances of and accessions to the Convention and its Protocols.[1]

2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General submits herewith information on the status of the Convention and its Protocols as at 10 July 2003:

(a) The following 90 States were parties to the Convention and at least two of its Protocols: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Yugoslavia;

(b) In accordance with the provisions of article 5 (1) (2) of the Convention, the amendment to article 1 shall enter into force six months after the date of deposit of the twentieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. After its entry into force, the amendment shall enter into force for any other State that deposits an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession six months after the date on which the said State has deposited its instrument. As at 10 July 2003, 14 States had deposited their instruments of ratification and acceptance of and accession to amendment 1 to the Convention;

(c) In accordance with article 8, paragraph 1 (b), of the Convention, amended Protocol II entered into force on 3 December 1998. As at 10 July 2003, 68 States had notified their consent to be bound by it;

(d) In accordance with the provisions of article 5 of the Convention, Protocol IV entered into force on 30 July 1998. As at 10 July 2003, 68 States had notified their consent to be bound by it.

3. The Secretary-General also submits, in the annex to the present report, information on action taken during the period under review, namely, from 1 June 2002 to 10 July 2003.

Notes

[1] The Convention, with its Protocols, the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I), the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III), was opened for signature on 10 April 1981 and entered into force on 2 December 1983. The Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention, convened in Vienna from 25 September to 13 October 1995 and in Geneva in resumed sessions from 15 to 19 January and from 22 April to 3 May 1996, adopted the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) on 13 October 1995 and amended Protocol II on 3 May 1996.

The text of the Convention and its original Protocols are reproduced in *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 5: 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII, and in the publication *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*, fourth edition: 1992, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IX.11 (vol. I)). The texts of amended Protocol II and Protocol IV are reproduced in the publication *Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements*, fifth edition: 1996 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IX.3). The text of the amendment to article 1 is reproduced in *The United Nations Disarmament Yearbook*, vol. 26: 2001 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IX.1), appendix IV, pp. 290-291.

Annex

Action taken on the Convention and its Protocols during the period from 1 June 2002 to 10 July 2003

A. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

		Consent to be bound pursuant to article 4, paragraphs 3 and 4		
		Protocol		
State	*Date of accession*	*I*	*II*	*III*
Albania	28 August 2002	X	X	X

B. Amendment to article 1 of the Convention

State	*Consent to be bound*
Canada	22 July 2002
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	25 July 2002
Australia	3 December 2002
Sweden	3 December 2002
Holy See	9 December 2002
France	10 December 2002
Hungary	27 December 2002
Republic of Korea	13 February 2003
Bulgaria	28 February 2003
Estonia	12 May 2003
Lithuania	12 May 2003
Mexico	22 May 2003
Croatia	27 May 2003
Japan	10 July 2003

C. Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (amended Protocol II)

State	*Consent to be bound*
Latvia	22 August 2002
Albania	28 August 2002
Slovenia	3 December 2002

D. Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV)

State	*Consent to be bound*
Albania	28 August 2002
Guatemala	30 August 2002
Slovenia	3 December 2002
Mauritius	24 December 2002
Ukraine	28 May 2003